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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Y	US 6,048,269 A (BURNS et al) 11 April 2000 (11.04.2000), entire document.	2, 3, 9-14, 16, 17
A	US 5,999,808 A (LaDUE) 07 December 1999 (07.12.1999), entire document.	1-18
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